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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WFC, AORG

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WFC

1. TANCO CALLED HATHAWAY TODAY. SAID G-77 HAS UNITED IN SUPPORT OF AHMED, BANGLADESH, FOR WFC POSITION, BUT HE PREFERS WILLIAMS AND HAS TOLD THIS TO WALDHEIM AND BANGLADESH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HUQ. WITH LATTER, TANCO HAS MADE POINT THAT TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM LDC'S, AND IN PARTICULAR TWO ASIANS, CAN NOT EXPECT TO HAVE TWO TOP WFC POSITIONS.

2. TANCO MAINTAINS HE HAS "FIRM DEAL" WITH BANGLADESH MINISTER THAT AHMED CANDIDACY WILL BE PUT ASIDE IN FAVOR OF WILLIAMS IF AHMED CAN THEN HAVE POSITION OF DEPUTY
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (THIRD SECRETARIAT POSITION). WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY IS ANXIOUS AVOID G-77 PROBLEM AND IS ON BOARD WITH ARRANGEMENT. SCENARIO IS FOR TANCO TO TALK NEXT WEEK WITH WALTERS IN MANILA TO SEE IF WALTERS INTENDS TO LEAVE WFC, AS HE EARLIER MAINTAINED HE WOULD DO IF WILLIAMS IS APPOINTED, OR IF HE WILL ACCEPT THIRD POSITION WHICH HE

EARLIER HELD. (TANCO SAID HE HAS HAD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH WALTERS ON MATTER.) AFTER NEXT WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS WITH WALTERS, TANCO INTENDS TO GO TO ROME TO MEET

WITH G-77 REPRESENTATIVES ON HIS ARRANGEMENTS WITH HUQ. THEN HE WILL CALL WALDHEIM, HOPEFULLY REPORTING THAT WAY IS CLEAR FOR WILLIAMS APPOINTMENT. (NOTE WFC PREPCOM MEETS JUNE 5-7, MINISTERIAL COUNCIL JUNE 12-14.)

3. OF US, TANCO ASKS THAT WE KEEP WALDHEIM AWARE OF U.S. STRONG INTEREST IN WILLIAMS CANDIDACY. WE WILL ASK USUN DO THIS. HATHAWAY IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT WE PROTECT TANCO TO THE FULLEST. CHRISTOPHER

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